

SESSION OF 2014

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE
BILL NO. 2307**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Education

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2307 would prohibit the board of education of any school district from providing instruction on human sexuality to a student without the written consent of the student's parent or legal guardian. The bill would require the board of education of each school district to provide all instructional materials on human sexuality, including any teaching plans and syllabi, to parents or legal guardians who request such materials before they decide whether to provide consent. Further, the bill would require the board of education of each school district to adopt policies and procedures relating to the instruction of human sexuality, including, but not limited to, prohibiting the display or distribution of instructional materials on human sexuality to any student whose parent or legal guardian has not given written consent.

Background

HB 2307, as introduced, was a bill concerning cheerleading introduced by the House Education Committee and referred to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs before being referred to the House Education Committee. The bill received no hearing. The substitute bill contains the modified contents of HB 2620.

In the House Education Committee, Senator Pilcher-Cook, an intern for the Senator, a representative of the

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American Family Association, and a concerned parent appeared in support of HB 2620. Representatives of the Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, and the Kansas National Education Association offered testimony as opponents.

The House Committee made technical amendments to HB 2620 and amended the bill to strike “health and” to clarify that consent would not be required for instruction on “health.” The Committee then moved to replace the original contents of HB 2307 with the amended contents of HB 2620.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates passage of HB 2620, as introduced, would have no fiscal effect.